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Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

Serial No.: **09/676,835**

Examiner: **Meller, M.V.**

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Art Unit: **1651**

For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND  
DETECTING FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Communication mailed on January 31, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and a check for \$205.00 are enclosed. Although no additional fees are believed by the Applicants to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.